

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace drawing sheet 2/6 (including Figures 3 and 4) with the attached drawing sheet 2/6 (including Figures 3 and 4). Bracketing has been added to the Figures as requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Annotated Drawing Sheet showing Changes (1 Page)
Replacement Drawing Sheet (1 Page)

REMARKS

Drawings:

In the Office Action mailed September 15, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings because the Examiner believes that Figs. 3 and 4 should include bracketing. The replacement drawings filed herewith include bracketing to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Abstract:

The Examiner also objected to a portion of the abstract that was added by the amendment filed on March 16, 2005 because the Examiner believes that the added portion introduces new matter into the disclosure. While Applicants believe that the added portion does not introduce new matter, this portion has been deleted to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims:

Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed September 15, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2006, claims 1-3, 21 and 24-30 were rejected. In the Office Action mailed September 15, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2006, claims 4-20, 22, and 23 were indicated to be allowed. By the present amendment, claims 1-3, 21, and 24-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Accordingly, the only claims remaining in this application are claims that the Examiner has indicated to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in proper condition for allowance, and such allowance is hereby solicited. A Notice of Appeal is also being filed concurrently with the present amendment. If any points remain in issue which the

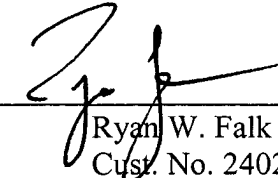
Amendment Dated March 15, 2006
Appln. No. 10/715,089

Attorney Docket No.: 27475/05431

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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